

Citizens Clean Elections Commission
Executive Director Report
February 24, 2006 (for 3/2/06 meeting)

Announcements

- Welcome to our newest Commissioners, Former State Treasurer Clark Dierks and former Corporation Commissioner Carl Kunasek.
- I am continuing to monitor clean elections bills and attend all legislative hearings possible. Michael Becker is now a lobbyist as well, so he can attend when I cannot.
- The Arizona Government Information Technology Agency approved our IT plan for 2006. Thanks to Colleen McGee for her good work on this project.
- I spoke to the West Virginia Governor and Legislature on February 22 and 23 regarding the success of the Act in Arizona.

Participation

We currently have **101** participating candidates for the 2006 election cycle.

Budget

- The Fund Balance is \$26.7 million as of January 31, 2006.
- We received a total of \$128,813.00 in tax donations for the 2005 tax year.

Voter Education

- Participating candidate workshop ads continue to run weekly in The Capitol Times and the postcards continue to be sent out on a regular basis.
- As of 2/28/06 we have held 17 participating candidate and treasurer workshops. Three out of town workshops have been held: in Flagstaff, Kingman, and Tucson.
- Mike Becker traveled to Oak Creek on Saturday, February 25, to make a presentation to the local chapter of the League of Women Voters.

Personnel Update

- We have all current positions filled, except for the Deputy Director position.
- Introduction of staff to new Commissioners.

Enforcement

Enforcement tracking spreadsheet will be included in the packets for more detail. Here are the updated totals:

- 2006 - 2 complaints filed and no action was taken. I will be reviewing the 2006 complaints as they arise.
- 2004 - 80 complaints total.
 - 1 under investigation (Murphy).
 - 4 investigation complete, matters outstanding (Hammann)
 - 78 completed and closed.

AGENDA ITEM IV